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And say, "I'm such a tiny flower,
I'd better not grow up,
How many a weary traveller
Would miss its fragrant smell!
How many a child would grieve
To lose it from the dell."

Suppose the glistening dew-drops
Upon the grass should say,
"What can a little dew drop do
I'd better roll away;"
The blade on which it rested,
Before the day was done,
Without a drop to moisten it,
Would wither in the sun.

Suppose the little breezes,
Upon a summer's day,
Should think themselves too small to cool
The traveller on his way;
Who would not miss the smallest
And softest ones that blow,
And think they make a great mistake
If they were talking so?

How many deeds of kindness
A little child may do,
Although it has so little strength,
And little wisdom too!
It wants a loving spirit,
Much more than strength, to prove
How many things a child may do
For others by his love.

Merry's Museum

"God Bless you, Little Fellow."

A crippled beggar in ——— was striving to pick up some old clothes that had been thrown to him from a window, when a crowd of rude boys gathered about him, mimicking his awkward movements, and hooting at his helplessness and rags. Presently a noble little fellow came up, and pushing through the crowd, helped the poor crippled man to pick up his gifts, and placed them in a bundle. Then, slipping a piece of silver into his hands, he was running away, when a voice far above him said: "Little boy with a straw hat, look up." He did so, and a lady, leaning from an upper window, said, earnestly, "God bless you, my little fellow—God will bless you for that."

The lady was the wife of a man so distinguished among the great men of the world, that every one of these boys would have been proud to gain her approbation; and when she wrote down his name as one she wished to remember, he felt more than paid for what he had done. As he walked along, he thought how glad he had made his own heart by doing good. He thought of the poor beggar's grateful look; then of the lady's smile, and her words of approval; and last, and better than all, he could almost hear his Heavenly Father whispering, "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy."

Little reader, when you have an opportunity to do good, and feel tempted to neglect it, remember the "little boy with a straw hat."—*Merry's Museum.*

The basis of all excellence is truth. Truth is intellectual gold, which is as durable as it is splendid and valuable.

The Blood Bargain.

(Continued after the Sippurim.)

At the time of our story, the Jews of Prague formed two congregations, who were distinguished in their characters and usages. The larger congregation, called the "o'd congregation," inhabited the proper Jewery. It consisted mainly of the descendants of Jews who had immigrated in the most ancient times. Its members were strict rabbins, and in their ways and manners were like the Polish and German Jews. The smaller, more recent congregation, occupying dwellings on the Kreuz und Geist Gasse, (Cross and Ghost lane,) consisted of members who had immigrated from southern countries, from which they had been expelled. They had different synagogal usages, and were in other respects in advance of the German and Polish Jews. They were known by the name of Franks or Portuguese Jews. Gradually they amalgamated by intermarriages with the rest; gave up their different customs (minhagim,) with the exception of a few synagogal observances, which they have kept to the most recent days, when the Frank synagogue, called "alt schule," was changed into a temple in which the service was modelled after modern tastes.

The rabbinical custom holds among the Hebrews to remove all *hametz* (leaven) from the houses on the night before the Passover festival. This act is known by the name *be-ur-hametz* (the removal of leaven.) Every father of a family searches by the light of a wax torch, every corner of the house, for any leavened eatable that he might find, in order to remove it before the Passover, on which festive it is prohibited to harbor such in the house. (see Ex. 12, etc.) But, as this ceremony is to be preceded by a blessing, expressing thanks to God that he has commanded us to remove leaven from our houses, lest there be no leavened food found;—and this blessing would have been used when no removal could take place: they purposely place some pieces of leaven at different places in the house, which the family father then finds in his search, and removes. Whatever he finds is burnt the following morning. It is generally the beadle of the synagogue who collects these remnants from house to house, and makes of the whole one great burnt offering in the area of the synagogue, much to the delight of the boys. As all Jewish ceremonies have some charitable tendency, so has this. The beadle, who is seldom rich, receives something for his trouble. They would not burn it in their houses as they do not like to bring *hametz* on their hearths, which then are already prepared for the passover.

The rabbi of the *alt schule*, who, as is usual with the city rabbis, lived near the synagogue, had just gone through the ceremony and retired to bed, when he

ley's Mag.

His Horn shall be Exalted

Continuing our ride to Bania, we toiled up steep rocky paths, where found trees and shrubs very abundant particularly on grassy tableland. We met people traveling—women on horseback, wearing the curious horn, which is fixed on the front of the head, and fastened behind. The *tantur*, or horn, is made of tin, silver, or gold, according to the rank or wealth of the wearer. Some are a yard long, shaped like a speaking trumpet, rises from the forehead and is fastened at the back of the head by a band. A large veil is thrown over it and falls down the side of the head and shoulders. It is usually worn by married women but I believe unmarried women also occasionally wear it. There are many references to this horn in the Bible. It was sometimes worn by men. Job says: "I have sewed sackcloth upon my skin and defiled my horn in the dust." Job xvi. 15; and David, alluding to the righteous, in Psalm cxii. 9: "His horn shall be exalted with honor."—*Lady Falkland's Chow Chow.*

imagined that he was awakened by a voice, that told him: "You have not been *mebattel hametz*." Awakened by this dream, the rabbi arose immediately, lighted a wax torch and again examined the house through and through and finding nothing, again retired. Scarcely asleep, he again heard the same words repeated: he again rose, went through the same process of search, and again found nothing. Retired to his couch, he the third time imagined to hear the words spoken to him; but this time he thought he heard where the heaven was. "In the house of God, under the *te-bah* [ark] lies the heaven [sin] and the ruin of your congregation," was the reply. The rabbi immediately arose, sent for the *Shama* [beadle], and both entered, not without terror, into the revered synagogue. It was about midnight. The rabbi gravely approached the ark; took from a niche the silver chased viol and the cup of benediction [used for holy purposes]. At what was the terror of both men, when they saw that it, instead of wine, contained blood. "Blessed art Thou, God, our God, the guardian of Israel who neither sleepest nor slumberest when the evil ones plot against us," said the pious rabbi, the cup trembling in his hand. "Surely, evil men have plotted against us," said he to the *Shamash*. "Come, let us hasten to remove this horrible *hametz* [leaven; taken in figurative sense, "sin, corruption"] from the fire in the house of the rabbi was kindled, the blood burnt, and the cup of viol carefully scoured, filled with wine and set in its former place. "The hand upon your mouth, Rabbi Barruch," the good man to the *Shamash*; "keep silence, and let us see what will come in the morning early," continued he, "I will give notice, in my name, that not only shall the first-born men [It is a custom that the first-born fast the day before passover, in commemoration of the deliverance of the first-born of Israel from Egypt, when those of the Egyptians died on the eve of the passover] fast tomorrow, but that the whole congregation of Israel fast to-morrow; and, if any ask you, you need but say, it is on account of Rabbi Salum and his family who languish in prison." The rabbi desired the *Shamash* to retire and to his rest; but he himself continued the whole night in the holy place, occupied in prayer and study.

On the eve of passover, the whole congregation of Altshul assembled in the synagogue, to usher in the holyday by prayer. This time they did not appear, as usual on holydays, in their holyday apparel; nor was that joy visible in their countenances, which the sacred Sabbath and Yomtob spreads on the true Sabbath observer; all joy seemed subdued; for they all well knew that the evil which befell R. Salum's family might spread; for the enemies of Israel, like Haman, "disdain to lay their hands on Mordecai alone." The voice of the Hazan, reader, did not resound that night with songs as usual on yomtob. Like on the night of *Tishe-ah-be-ab* [the ninth of Ab, the anniversary of the destruction of the temple of Jerusalem,] the prayers were recited in a subdued voice; it was the voice of mourning: many a sigh rose to heaven, many a tear furrowed the cheek of the afflicted people. The congregation, indeed, knew not what had happened; but

somehow, as before the eruption of a volcano the air is sultry and suffocating, so in the synagogue some feeling of sadness prevailed through the whole flock, as if a shadowing of some evil that threatened them. But this sadness soon changed into terror, when, before the finishing of the *amee-dah* (a prayer containing a number of blessings, vulgarly known by the name of *Shemonah Esrai*), a voice

was heard in the vestibule of the syna-

gogue. —THE DYING GOVERNESS.—We abridge from the "A. I." the following: A governess, of the Jewish faith, who supported herself by a few lessons which she gave in living languages, was taken ill, and feeling herself getting worse, had herself carried to the Israelitish hospital. There she died after a few days of suffering, during which time she had edified all around her by her angelic resignation, by her intelligence, and by the willing-

ness with which she submitted to all regimens. Her wearing apparel having been examined, 42,000 francs were found in one dress. This amount was given over to the members of her family, who showed little surprise, as the deceased had been known to have denied to herself the very necessities of life. On the morrow the brother of the deceased gave the money back to the director of the hospital, saying, this amount does not long to us, but to the establishment.

In a will, authenticated by a notary, he has bequeathed everything she possessed to the Israelitish hospital, with the exception of 1,000 francs, which she retained, and which she wished to go to Italy. Her last and most ardent wish, as expressed in her will, was to die in an asylum for the poor for which she had labored all her life, for which she had labored herself the very piece of bread earned for her sustenance. But soon the members of the family set up claims to the inheritance. The consistory, in order to avoid lawsuits consented to a compromise, and half the amount was promptly paid to the claimants.

WARSAW.—THE LATE DEMONSTRATION.—Following to the latest advices from Warsaw, the National Guard (if so may be called a body of unarmed citizens wearing a badge on their hats as sole distinction) has been recently augmented to a number of 660 men. Owing chiefly to the exertions of this patriotic corps, there has been no recurrence of the inflammatory outbreaks. On the 9th, a funeral was solemnized in all the principal churches and synagogues, pickets of the National Guard were stationed at the doors of the sacred edifices, the sons of the first noblemen in the land availing themselves of this occasion to make a demonstration of tolerance, and placed themselves in front of the Jewish temple.

Many of the magnates, with the intention, perhaps, of attending the reading of a commemorative sermon in the principal synagogue of the Rev. Jastrow. The choir in the Roman Catholic cathedral was formed on that day by countesses and other noble ladies. —*J. Chron.*

EGRA, BOHEMIA.—A CLAIM.—A gentleman informs us in a private letter that a Hebrew congregation now exists in this place, which being legally incorporated, raises a claim to the property which in the sixteenth century, belonged to a

able woe, lamentation, and despondency, precisely for the reason because this was the tenderest point, because the wound here inflicted would penetrate deepest, and smart most severely. Henceforth the Passover was celebrated by the Jews at the risk of their lives. They themselves but too often became the paschal lambs. As sure as the festival recurred, so sure recurred the malicious accusation that some innocent Christian babe had been murdered by the cannibal Jews. The anniversary of the liberation and rejoicings of their fathers had become that of their thralldom and agony. *

Hebrew congregation, the members of which were butchered in cold blood. —(We described this catastrophe in one of our tales.) The best lawyers of Bohemia believe that the property, now belonging to several convents, must be restored to the Hebrew congregation, as all the old records referred to state that the said property belonged to the Hebrew congregation of Egra. If Europeans should be bound to return to the Hebrews all they robbed them of, with the legal interest, all Europe would be bankrupt. —*Israelite*.

PRUSSIA.—JEWISH STUDENTS.—Of the 52,211 students attending the higher Prussian scholastic establishments, 3,963 are Jews. From this it appears that every 13th student is a Jew; yet the whole Jewish population of Prussia only amounts to 249,416, whilst there are 17,739,913 Christians. From this it is clear that the proportion of Jewish to Christian students is as four to one. The same is the case in Austria. This proves that there are proportionately four times as many educated Jews as Christians in Prussia and Austria. These figures speak very highly of Jewish education in Germany. —*Jewish Chron.*

PADERBORN.—A NEW SYNAGOGUE.—Herr Moritz Meyersberg, formerly a resident of this city, now of Hamburg, built a new synagogue for this congregation and made them a present of it. Herr Meyersberg declared in his letter he did so at the suggestion of his wife Ernestine. —*Israelite*.

NEW YORK.—THE JEWISH ORPHAN HOME.—A bill has been introduced into the State Legislature, appropriating \$50,000 dollars to the Hebrew Benevolent Society of this city, to enable them to complete their Orphan Home, the money to be donated as soon as they shall have expended \$20,000 on the building. It is to be hoped that this bill will become a law. —*Jewish Messenger*.

WARSAW.—CONCESSIONS.—The guild of merchants of this city, taking into consideration the late events, and in order to give a proof of their union, have resolved to grant to the Jewish merchants an equal position with themselves in their guild. —*Daily Papers*.

SPIRITUALISM IN ENGLAND.—The Brighton (England) *Herald* says that spiritualism, instead of losing ground in England, is flourishing and vigorous; not only among the ignorant and insane, but among men of repute, who might fairly be looked on as superior to any trickery so barefaced and wicked. At this moment there are several literary circles in London who are lending their aid to the spread of the delusion, and we could name more than one man who is a decided victim to it. —Sittings are frequent in the best circles; mediums are tolerated in highest quarters; and even the church does not fail to add its quota to the herd of the misguided and deluded. Among the recent converts are Lord Lyndhurst, Sir E. Bulwer Lytton, Robt Chambers, Mrs. Browning, and many other literary and scientific celebrities. —*Pac. Meth.*

THE EMANCIPATION OF THE RUSSIAN SERFS.—The emancipation of 40,000,000 of serfs, on the 3d of March, is the greatest event of this kind known in history. It is an event fraught with consequences for future Russia which no human forecast can in the least surmise.

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Removal.

THE OFFICE OF THE "GLEANER" is now on Washington street, second house below Battery (about a hundred yards from the front area of the Post Office).



Hephtsi-bah Devotions.

Hephtsi-bah Devotions are held at the School room, regularly every Friday evening, at 5 o'clock, and Sabbath morning, at half past ten o'clock.

Religious Instruction.

The Hephtsi-bah School, for Religions and Hebrew instruction, invites all the Hebrew children in this city to attend, regardless of their nationality.

While this School is open, and earnestly invites all children, regardless of pay, it is to be hoped that those parents who are able will contribute towards its support, and henceforth do their duty to their children and to their people.

Sessions.

AT THE SCHOOL HOUSE.—Wednesday and Friday at 4 p. m.
Saturday and Sunday, at 9 A.M.

AT THE OFFICE OF THE GLEANER.—Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday, at 4 p. m.

WORSHIP OF HEPHTSI-BAH SCHOOL, Friday Evening, at 5. P. M.
Sabbath Morning, at half past ten.
Parents will oblige by seeing that the children arrive at an early hour.

SCHOOL REMOVAL.

The Church on Sutter, near Stockton Street, formerly used by a German Lutheran Congregation, is now in the course of preparation for the Hephtsi-bah School.

The place will be so far ready for Sabbath morning as to give the pupils the necessary accommodations.

The less religion finds its due profession and its manifestation in the houses of Israel of the age—the less parents devote certain days to the culture of the religious sentiment,—the less they attend worship—and the less the worship of the Synagogue is one understood by either parent and child—the greater is the necessity to make proper provisions for the young generation.

We hope, with the help of God, to continue the School, and to establish (in time) a worship for children, that will extend its blessing beyond the span of our probable earthly existence. We also feel assured that as we have profited by example and have established a Tract and Bible Society, there will come a time when the religious culture of children will consist in something more than reading Hebrew, and the cold recitation of some Biblical verses. We hope to meet, from parents and others, a continuance of that support which good men have afforded to the cause already.

Invitation.

Convinced of the benefit of our mode of training youth, we sincerely solicit parents to the Religious Service at our school. Let them remember that, if the advantage of our worship in a language that is understood is thought to be required for the aged, how much more profitable must such be for youth.

We consider our worship for children quite independent of religious instruction; so that children who attend other schools for religious instructions may nevertheless attend the worship; for the present the only one prepared for the Hebrew children.

רוח

Sat. and Sun. June 8th:9th.
שבת ושבתון Tuesday, June 25th.
יום ראשון Monday, July 8th.
יום ראשון Monday, July 16th.

A Yomtov.

A day before Evel Shabu'oth some children begged us to allow them to amuse themselves at the school on the Ho'yday. We gladly assented. Desirous of seeing a full representation, we notified it through the columns of the Bulletin.

The children supplied the Hephtsi-bah Synagogue with a sufficient quantity of flowers and bouquets.

The Holydays were spent very happily. After service the children amused themselves with recitations, reading and singing. Mr. Saulman kindly afforded them an excellent treat of cakes.

And such seems to be the love of the children for the school, that when we left at 6 P. M., on the first holyday, there were from twenty to thirty who still occupied the place, and begged to be allowed to stay longer. Some ten children stayed from morning till evening.

We hope there will come a time when parents will see that some different mode of endearing religion to children has to be adopted than has been done hitherto.

THANKS.—Our thanks, and that of the children of the Hephtsi-bah School, to Mr. Saulman, for quite a "field" of cakes sent to our school on the first Shabu'oth-day. It was an excellent crop, and with all the activity of the number of reapers, they found plenty to go twice over the field. Those cakes were well bestowed.

Hebrew Observances.

Every one of our religious practices embodies a great and glorious truth, although for a time it may be obscure to us, although malignity and theological antagonism of a hostile creed now declares numerous rites as meaningless and absurd, as it formerly did the Passover. When our fathers adhered to the Passover, and made sacrifices for it, and faithfully observed all its rites, the idea at the bottom was as little comprehended and appreciated by their contemporaries as now, for instance, is that embodied in the weekly festival, or in so many other observances enjoined in the law. Yet the time for their universal recognition and estimation will come, as surely as it has come for that of Passover. Every day makes some new disclosure, that brings us nearer to this goal. As the tangled skein of history gets unravelled, as science adds discovery to discovery, the position of the Jew not only becomes justified, but strengthened, and rendered impregnable. Let us, therefore, cling to our banner with the tenacity of our fathers. The battle may be protracted, but the victory sure. There has never yet been an arduous struggle but there always were traitors and deserters, and their number will always be in proportion to the hardships to be encountered, and the sacrifices to be made. But honor, and glory, and inward contentment await him that perseveres in the good cause. Salvation is of the Jews! Mankind's progress, virtues, and final triumph, are indissolubly connected with the law of Sinia, as expounded by and in Judaism. Let us, while faithfully celebrating the Passover, bear in mind that this is only one of the rites of Judaism; let us recollect that every other law-enjoined by it has equal claim to our observance; let the contemplation of the firmness with which our fathers clung to the Passover also strengthen us in the resolution to adhere

with equal tenacity to every other enactment of the law, since at the bottom of each there lies a glorious truth, although not always discernible to our fallible eye.—*Jew. Chron.*

Moses vs. Slavery.

The pro-slavery discourse delivered in a synagogue at New York has called forth two anti-slavery sermons by Jewish ministers on this side of the Atlantic. The one, which, however, has not been made known to wider circles, was delivered by Rev. A. L. Green, at the Portland-street synagogue; and the other, or rather two of them forming only one, in two parts, was preached by the Rev. Dr. Gotthilf, and it is this that has been published, a copy of which is now lying before us. In these discourses the rev. doctor not only examines and refutes the Scriptural statements brought forward in favor of slavery by the American preacher, but also shows, from the whole tenor of the Mosaic legislation, that this was radically opposed to slavery, which it only tolerated as the minor evil of two; and that a Jewish commentator of the law, from the talmudical authors to Phillips and Herxheimer, in our own days, understood and interpreted it in this sense. The rev. preacher did still more. He showed that the delivery of pro-slavery sentiments on the part of a Jew was not only anti-scriptural, but even a most injudicious proceeding. On this head we will quote the lecturer's own words:

"But here let us look at the question from another point of view. How long, we ask, is it since we were slaves! Nay, how long is it since we were allowed by the laws of any country to speak publicly as now, on a platform and in Parliament itself on the question of human servitude? Can we forget how short a time it is since the sufferings of the Jews were their only comment on the intolerable evils of slavery? Can we forget that but a few years ago, even in this free country, the highest rights of men were withheld from Israelites? And were we passive under all this? Did we not, with all our might, protest against it? And what plea so powerful had we as that the rights we were putting in our claim to, were those inalienable everlasting rights which God had implanted in the very constitution of human nature? And what stronger arguments had we than the Declaration of the Book—the charter of the God-given Rights of Man—the Book which our Christian opponents looked on with the same reverence as we ourselves? Maintaining the Bible to be the Magna Charta of mankind, we argued that all men, as being made in the image of God, and having, in virtue of their descent from the same Divine Parent, immortal endowments, must have, as it were by right of inheritance, all the rights, immunities, and prerogative, of freemen. This, I say, was our argument during our long struggle for the social and political rights of citizens; we felt sure that it had only to be appreciated and taken to heart to beat down all resistance, and give us the victory. Had this unfortunate lecture been delivered a few years ago, and received as a true interpretation of the Law of Moses, it must have been turned into a weapon against us or flung down in our onward path as a stumbling-block. Well might those who were opposed to giving the Jews the rights of citizens—what time a Jew presented himself before Parliament, demand to be admitted and sworn as a member, and carrying his Old Testament under his arm, to swear by its fidelity to the Constitution, have pointed with a sneer at the venerable Book, and cried aloud:—'How can you accuse us of injustice, inhumanity and oppression? Is not the Book that you carry

under your arm our warrant and authority? How can you ask to be made a legislature in a country where slaveholding is considered a sin? Nay, would not your people, in any country, where they might chance to have the power, surely have the will to establish slavery, seeing they believe it to be part and parcel of the institution of their Great Legislature? Are we not right in holding the Jews in civil and political bondage? Is it not the express will of God? Rights of humanity, social equality, and universal brotherhood, are but sins,—sins not to be extenuated—or at best, mere modern inventions opposed to the old established divine laws of our Legislature.—According to a teacher in Israel, a Jewish minister, on the other side of the Atlantic, are not these things so? Let the Jews, they might say, keep to their ghetto, stick to their tinket boxes, and old clothes shops. As your lords and masters, and on the authority of the New York Expositor, we can allow you no higher place, no better occupation. Go pay your taxes—and never dare to cross the door of this House to ask for freedom, until you have at least cast away from your Old Testament, the slaveholder's book of authority, and turned your back forever on Judaism, as adverse to the noblest rights of man."

We can confidently refer those interested in this question to the pages of the Rev. Dr. Gotthilf, in which they will find a lucid exposition of the Jewish view on the subject, just now attracting a more than usual amount of attention.—*Jewish Chron.*

Loud Talking.

How often the spell of beauty is rudely broken by coarse loud talking! How often you are irresistibly drawn to a plain unassuming woman, whose soft silvery tones render her positively attractive. In the social circle, how pleasant it is to hear a woman talk in that low key which always characterizes the true lady! In the sanctuary of home how such a voice soothes the fretful child, and cheers the weary husband!—*Masonic Mirror*

Reply to a Challenge.

One of the best replies ever made to a challenge was made by Horne Tooke; "Sir I, do not think it my duty, on the throat of every desperado that may be tired of his life. But as I am at present High Sheriff of the city of London it may happen that I may shortly have an opportunity to attend you in my official capacity, in which case I will answer for it that you shall have no grounds to complain of any endeavors to serve you."—*Masonic Mirror*.

SPOILED CHILDREN.—Of an extremely depraved child, John Foster wrote in his Journal:

"I never saw so much essence of Devil put in so small a vessel." And of a lady who spoilt her son—a most perverse child, he wrote: She will have her reward; she cultivates a night shade, and she is destined to eat its poisoned berries."—*Pac. Meth.*

DANCING MASTERS.—The Baltimore *Christian Advocate* cites the fact, that Gov. Banks, late speaker of the House of Representatives, once gave dancing lessons, to disprove the allegation of a writer in the *Presbyterian Expositor*, that a dancing-master never rises above his position.—*Pac. Meth.*

Notices about Societies.

We again reiterate, that news relative to societies and congregations—except such of quite a general character—will be given only, if they reach us officially. These bodies, then, have the opportunity to publish about themselves what pleases them best.

Letters at our Office.

The following letters were sent to our office which will be delivered to the parties on identification.
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Eastern News.

(From the different city papers.)

St. Louis, May 3.—A. M. —The President issued a proclamation April 29, calling out 83,000 additional troops—volunteers for three years service. 40,000 regulars for five years service.

Correspondence from the South represents that North Carolina will go out of the Union by acclamation.

Fifty members of the Virginia Convention, are said to have voted against the Ordinance of Secession.

The Chicago Journal's correspondent says there is great destitution and actual famine in Mississippi, and the people were fleeing North.

The Union sentiment is said to prevail in Baltimore. The Stars and Stripes are waving on the public buildings.

It is reported that Governor Letcher would issue a message forbidding the passage of Southern troops through Virginia, to attack Washington.

Governor Black, of Nebraska, has issued a call for troops in the service of the United States.

The Tribune's Washington dispatch says the policy of the administration is war, and the Cabinet is a unit on the policy.

The people of western Virginia are strong for the Union, and want arms to defend themselves.

Capt. Oats, from Texas, reports the troops in the South of great efficiency.

The President declares he will enforce the blockade of all the Southern Ports.

Intelligence has been received that Minister Faulkner has presented the Southern Commissioners to the Emperor of France. Mr. Dalles, Minister to England, refused to do so until he heard from the Government at Washington.

The Legislature from Missouri met May 2d. Gov. Jackson sent a message condemning the President's war policy, yet declaring the policy of Missouri was not to go out of the Union now.

He recommends arming and getting ready for any emergency. He thinks that the Border States should preserve an armed neutrality.

The railroad through Maryland was open for travel.

SLAUGHTER AT CHARLESTON.—Refugees from Charleston report that at the bombardment of Fort Sumter, at least one thousand rebels were killed. Four hundred were killed in Moultrie, and thirty by Anderson's first discharge. The killed were interred at night, in the Potter's Field. Many also were killed in dwellings outside the fort. The soldiers were threatened with death if they disclosed facts about the killed.

People are constantly inquiring for friends, and are assured that they are at Sullivan's Island.

Another who was at Morris Island says one hundred and fifty men were killed there, and forty at Sullivan's Island.

A Washington dispatch says: The troops called out by the order today are all additional to the 75,000 already required. The whole number called for by the Government, thus far, is, volunteers for three years service, 75,000; regulars for five years service, 25,000; seamen for five years service, 18,000; being a total of 118,000 men, that is, 75,000 week before last and 83,000 to-day. Several States send double the number of regiments asked for.

A spontaneous Union meeting was held in Baltimore. About 20,000 people attended.

From the West, farmers from Virginia have forced the secession lines, and report strong Union feeling a few miles from the Capital.

Fortifications commanding the railroad country for some twenty miles from Annapolis were thrown up on Sunday.

Annapolis was made a military depot, and Gen. Butler will remain there. From reliable information received at Annapolis, it appears that 10,000 troops from the Southern Confederacy are now in Virginia, and more pouring in.

The Times' special, from Frederick Md. says a direct vote on Secession in the House stood fifty-three against secession and thirteen for it. The Senate has published an address, denying any intention to pass a Secession Ordinance.

A private letter from Annapolis says that the brig Caledonia has two men hanging from her yardarm—one for smuggling powder and provisions to Charleston, the other for piloting the 7th Regiment on to Chesapeake Bay, with the intention that the Baltimore Secessionists capture Annapolis before the Regiment reached there.

A letter from the 7th (New York) Regiment says that six Secessionists were caught on the 27th April, and two were shot on the morning of the 28th, while another was to be shot the next morning. Several persons had been arrested for tearing up rails.

At Baltimore, May 2d the American flag was raised over the Postoffice and Custom House, by order of the newly appointed official.

Information has been received at Wilmington, N. C. to the effect that the Secessionists have the entire control there.

Letters received from Paris state that the French Government is fully posted on American affairs, and no sympathy is felt for the Confederate States.

Gen. Scott will soon change his headquarters to Philadelphia. 30,000 troops are now concentrated at Washington.

No fortifications on either side of the Potomac or Chesapeake Bay are in the hands of the Secessionists.

Some half dozen men have been arrested in New York, for treason, in manufacturing clothing, bonds, etc., for the Government and soldiers of the Confederate States.

The Secessionists made a miscalculation respecting extraordinary accession from the North.

St. Louis, May 3.—The Missouri Legislature convened in extrasession at Jefferson City yesterday. Many of the members were absent. Mr. McAfee was re-elected Speaker of the House.

The other officers of the late session were also re-elected.

The Zouaves were greatly disappointed at not being permitted to visit Baltimore.

The Baltic reports all quiet on the bays; gunboats are coming up and down continually.

A son of an influential family is under arrest as a spy. He opened dispatches delivered him at Washington.

The correspondent of the Baltimore Sun has left, fearing arrest. The populace were anxious to lynch him.

Major Dodd's battalion left Boston yesterday, on the steamer Cambridge, for Fort Monroe.

New Orleans dispatches of the 2d, say Col. Van Dorn, with 800 Texans, captured 450 Federal troops, under Major Sibley, who were at Indianola, and attempted to escape in two sailing vessels.

Van Dorn pursued them in four small steamers. Sibley surrendered. The officers are on parole.

A letter from the interior of South Carolina says that while the writer was absent at Charleston, a fight with negroes occurred in his town. They burned four buildings and eight stores in the town, and four more in the vicinity. Eight negroes were hung. A dozen more would soon be hung.

The U. S. Marshal of Philadelphia has given notice to the Presidents of railroads running South of that city, that no more provisions for the revolted States can be shipped.

BLOCKADE LAWS: First, vessels in blockaded ports when the blockade took effect, will be allowed a reasonable time to depart.

Second, vessels bringing emigrants, though they had no notice of the blockade at the time of their departure from foreign ports, will not be allowed to enter the blockaded ports.

President Davis will take command in person as General-in-Chief of the forces gathering in Virginia.

Numbers of Union men were driven out of Virginia.

It is reliably stated from Annapolis Junction that the 69th regiment caught a man attempting to crawl spikes from the rails, and shot him in obedience to orders. They also arrested two spies.

The Sixty-ninth regiment is stationed all along the road to Washington, in squads, within hailing distance of each other.

The President earnestly invokes the cooperation of all good citizens to aid the suppression of revolution, the enforcement of the laws and the speediest possible restoration of peace.

It is said that dissension are frequent in the Confederate Camp. Southern troops demand an attack on Washington, but Virginia opposes it.

Valparaiso advices, April 3d, say that an earthquake destroyed the city of Mendoza; 8,000 killed. San Juan reported de troys.

All travel South from Philadelphia was stopped to-day.

Considerable alarm is said to exist in consequence of the activity of the U. S. Government, and the unexpected unity of the North.

Washington advices of last night are to the effect that the war will be vigorously opened in a few days by demonstrations upon Alexandria and Norfolk.

It is contemplated to suspend all southern mails next week.

A report is current that there has been a collision between two vessels at the mouth of the Potomac, and that supplies for Washington by up country roads have been cut off by Virginia.

A California regiment is organizing in New York City.

Two thousand Federal troops are reported at Cairo, with the intention of stopping all steamers bound South.

THE BETHHAMIDRASH BURNT.—The Minyan, called Bethamidrash, was burnt out early in the morning of the first Shabbath holiday. The Sepher-torah is saved. We do not know what else was saved.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT.—We acknowledge the receipt of an invitation for the Siquim, on Monday next.

On account of the holidays, we cannot do full justice to this week's issue.

PEOPLE'S NOMINATION.

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As will be known from the city papers, our highly esteemed co-citizen, Dr. Regensburger, is candidate for the office of coroner.

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BIRTH.

At San Andreas, April 30th, the wife of Benjamin Katz, of a son.

MARRIED.

In this city, May 12th, Lazarus Dinkelspiel to Paul na Hess, both of this city.

In Sacramento, May 10th, Elias Levy, of Jackson, Amador County, to Paulina Levy, of Drytown.

DEATH.

In San Francisco, May 13th, Goodman Castle, a native of England, aged thirty-seven years.

Special Notices.

NOTICE.

CONGREGATION SHERETH ISRAEL.

San Francisco, May 9, 1861.

To the Members of Congregation Shereth Israel and Chebra Bikur Cholim Ukidisha and our Coreligionists generally.

The **מנין** (Minyan) Committee of 1858 and 1859, will present to the Congregation a

ספר תורה (Sephor Torah) on Sunday, the 19th inst., on which occasion a **סיום התורה** (Sihom Ah-torah) will be held at the Stockton Street Synagogue, in which you are cordially invited to participate

By order

F. PHILLIPS, Secretary.

NOTICE.

CHEBRA BIKUR CHOLIM UKDOSHA.

The members of this Association are notified, that the regular monthly meeting will be held every second Sunday in the month, at 7 o'clock, P. M. at Platt's New Music Hall, on Montgomery str.

By order,

ISAIAH COHN, Secretary.

CHEBRA BERITH SHALOME.

The regular monthly meetings of this Society will take place every first Sunday in the month, at Platt's Music Hall, at 7 o'clock, P. M.

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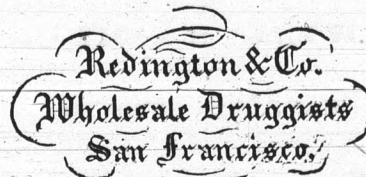
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